

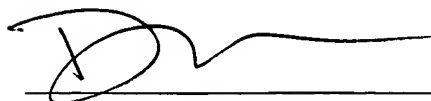
## **REMARKS**

This amendment is submitted prior to the first examination and action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. No substantive changes have been made in the application and such amendments do not introduce any new matter. Applicant respectfully requests that such amendments be entered into the record.

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed November 26, 2003, enclosed herewith is a signed Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application, an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the sequence listing, and an initial paper copy of the sequence listing. The content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing and contains no new matter.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the before-mentioned amendments to the application or any other matter, Applicant's attorney will welcome the opportunity to discuss same with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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